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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated September 13, 2005, response to which is due February 13, 2006, with a two-months' extension. An appropriate extension of time request is contained herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.